Utilisation of surplus water of Ganga tributaries

677. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Water Development Agency has carried out the feasibility studies of links involving transfer of surplus water of tributaries of Ganga to benefit the drought prone areas of some States;

(b) if so, the States which are likely to be benefited; and

(c) by when plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has completed pre-feasibility studies of all the link proposals of the National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for the optimum utilisation of water resources.

(b) The States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, National Capital Region, Rajasthan, Haryana and Gujarat are likely to be benefited from the transfer of surplus water of eastern tributaries of Ganga to its western tributaries under the Himalayan Component of National Perspective Plan.

(c) Implementation of water transfer link proposals is *inter alia* linked to how soon the detailed project reports with estimate of cost are prepared after consensus is reached among the concerned States and availability of funds for their implementation.

Sea erosion in coastal States

678. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the maritime States to control coastal erosion;

(b) if so, the State-wise proposals received in that regard;